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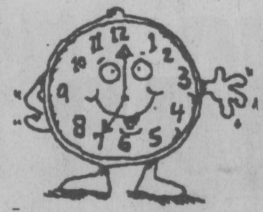
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Friday, April 3, 1998

Incoming SGA president says 'getting along' goal

by JASON MCALLISTER
reporter

Student Body President-elect Mackenzie Howard says he wants to help campus groups get along better.

The Student Government Association will inaugurate Howard and Susan Porter as the new student body president and vice president at 6 p.m. today in Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

Howard, Toronto, Ontario, senior, and Porter, Branchland senior, won last month's spring race by 85 votes.

Howard, who was born in Toronto, and attended Gordon Graydon Memorial High School and Athol Murray College of Notre Dame, is a marketing major.

He said his drive to become involved in student government came from seeing the things that were going on around him.

"I've just always wanted to do good things for

this school," Howard said. "I saw a lot of things going on and I knew that I wanted to be a part of them."

Howard thinks his running mate has everything someone needs in a partner.

"Susan is one of my best friends and she has all the traits of someone you would want working with you," he said. "She is extremely smart, very trustworthy and she has great leadership skills."

Porter is a psychology major and is currently the president of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega.

One of the first things he and Porter plan to do is to work out some of the tension between groups on campus and work together, Howard said.

"I think that, in being realistic, we have to realize the first thing that has to be done is getting rid of tension between groups," Howard said. "Susan and I plan on working to get a good reputation with the senate and striving to have

New leaders



photos by Vicente Alcaniz

Mackenzie Howard, Toronto, Ontario senior, and Susan Porter, Branchland senior will be inaugurated as student body president and vice president at 6 p.m. today in the Memorial Student Center Don Morris Room.

everyone working together.

"We want everyone to know that we have no personal issues we are working for. Like we said during the election, we have no personal agenda, the

Glover, Spichek end term

President says
concert highlight
of administration

by JASON MCALLISTER
reporter

Today will officially end the administration of Matt Glover as Student Body President.

Glover's one-year term as president will end tonight when new executives, Mackenzie Howard, Toronto, Ontario senior and Susan Porter, Branchland senior, will be inaugurated.



GLOVER

One year ago, Glover and running-mate J.J. Spichek, Roanoke, senior, neither having any political experience at all, won the election for student body president by 28 votes.

"I had been involved a little with student government in high school," Glover said. "I had ran for a Student Senate seat once, and a write-in candidate beat me."

From there, Glover and Spichek embarked on what would be a year full of accomplishments, as well as trials. One of the promises Glover and Spichek made in their campaign was to work to get more concerts, both spring and fall, onto the campus for students.

Glover recalls good times

Last semester, they helped Student Activities bring in groups for a "Thunder in the Mountains" concert.

"That concert was the highlight of the year for me," Glover said. "To see the students enjoying that made me feel good about what had occurred."

Glover and Spichek also worked on making it easier for students to get into sporting events, supplying more scholarships and increasing library hours.

It wasn't all good times for the two, though.

Last semester, the Student Government Association was surrounded with controversy. Disagreements between Glover and Graduate School Sen. Christian St. John led to many rumors of impeachment hearings.

No one proves accusations

None of the accusations made against Glover were ever proven and therefore, the impeachment never came about. St. John soon resigned from his seat in the Student Senate.

Spichek chose not to run for re-election with Glover this spring, and former SGA business manager Darcy Bierce, Moundsville junior, was chosen to run with Glover. Glover and Bierce finished third in the voting with 222 votes.

Students' votes may decide fee increase for day care

by KRISTI R. ERWIN
reporter

A new day care center may mean an increase in student fees, but the decision of whether to approve the \$8 per semester increase will be left up to students.

The student fee was proposed to the Student Fee Committee in January. The committee then recommended it to President J. Wade Gilley, who asked for students to vote on the proposed fee.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said the vote is still a few weeks away. She is scheduled to meet with the Day Care Committee and members of student government next week to choose a time for the election.

"There's still a couple of things we need to work out,

but we're hoping to have the vote by the end of this month," she said.

If students vote to pass the referendum, it goes back to President Gilley who will recommend the student fee increase to the board of trustees.

Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz, leader

for the Total Quality Management child care team, said the idea of the proposed increase came from several people.

The student fees would help furnish the day care center,

"We're hoping to have the vote by the end of this month."

— Dr. Donnalee Cockrille,
dean of student affairs

she said.

"If the referendum does not pass, it will be a setback," she said. "Right now we don't have a way to furnish the center."

Leah Tolliver, Women's Center director, said it is important for students to vote for the increase. "If the referendum is passed

that means a certain number of spaces will be allotted to children of Marshall students," Tolliver said.

Construction is set to begin in July with a scheduled completion date of fall 1999.

Faculty discusses unionization

by BUTCH BARKER
reporter

Faculty members met Thursday evening to discuss possible formation of a union.

About 25 faculty members attended a meeting arranged by members of Association of Involved Marshall Employees (AIME) in Memorial Student Center.

Problems discussed included faculty isolation from decision-making, illegality of collective bargaining and disrespect from administrators.

Many thought President J. Wade Gilley may be one of the problems.

"We need to ask ourselves if President Gilley really cares about what happens with us," one faculty member said.

Faculty members said a possible solution to the problems may be the formation of a union.

In a telephone interview, Gilley said he is puzzled about the group's actions. "None of these employees have seen me with their complaints," Gilley said. "I had no idea there was

"We are not a bunch of whiners and overpaid professors. Nobody likes to be kicked around ..."

— Dr. Steven Shuklian,
associate economics professor

AIME or what they stand for." Dr. Eddy Pendarvis, professor in the division of teacher education and vice president of AIME, said a union needs to be formed before problems worsen.

"Issues will get more serious if we do not act soon," she said. "Benefaction would come from us [faculty] belonging to the same group and sticking up for one another."

Dr. David C. Duke, history professor, said employees may have to turn to the courts.

"A court case would help prove that it is unconstitutional to say workers cannot strike or have a say in what

goes on in their place of work," Duke said.

Dr. Steven Shuklian, associate professor of economics, said the faculty is not just complaining.

"We are not a bunch of whiners and overpaid professors," he said. "Nobody likes to be kicked around, whether the person is a coal miner or a college professor."

Duke suggested the next step should be finding a union to serve as an example and assist in forming their own.

Another AIME meeting has been scheduled Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m. in Memorial Student Center.

Baseball coach quits; MAC violations cited

Citing violations of Mid-American Conference policy, Athletic Director Lance West Thursday afternoon announced that head baseball coach Craig Antush resigned his position.

West said Antush will assume other duties within the Athletic Department until June 30, the end of his contract.

West said an internal investigation by the Athletic Department revealed violations of MAC policy through the use of players not certified before competition. He said these student-athletes have since been certified and are eligible for NCAA competition.

The athletic director said the violations have been reported to the conference.

"We certainly regret this development," West said. "however, it is essential that we maintain the highest standards in all our athletic programs and it is our intention to act quickly and decisively if a violation occurs."

"We appreciate the hard work that Craig has put in at Marshall over the past eight years. We wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Assistant coach Dave Piepenbrink will assume the coaching responsibilities. Volunteer assistant coach Matt Spade and graduate assistant Tim Frantz will continue in their current roles. West said an interim coach will be named later.

Antush came to Marshall in 1991 as an assistant coach for Howard McCann. He was promoted to head coach in 1996. His record as head coach over three years is 23 wins, 88 losses and one tie.



Antush

Gilley taking 'hands off' approach to reorganization

by KAREN LOUDIN
reporter

President J. Wade Gilley says he is taking a "hands off" approach to whether two colleges on campus are reorganized.

Gilley commented in response to Faculty Senate's action March 19, not approving of proposals to create divisions within the College of Liberal Arts and College of Science.

The president did not approve or disapprove Faculty Senate's action. He read the minutes with no comment.

Gilley said he was not surprised the Faculty Senate did not approve a plan to reorganize the College of Science and the College of Liberal Arts.

He said he is waiting for comments from the vice presidents and the deans.

"The next step will be for the vice presidents and deans to make a recommendation to me," Gilley said. "They came up with the original plan and I wanted to give them another chance to review it."

Gilley said he does not know if some form of the plan will be reintroduced to the Faculty Senate.

He said he is taking a "hands off" approach until he receives the recommendations from the vice presidents and deans.

Dr. Corley Dennison, Faculty Senate president, said he did not yet know what additional action Faculty Senate might take.

He said he is waiting to consult with administrators.

Gilley said he is also looking at other alternatives to the reorganization such as the School of Journalism and Mass Communications moving to the College of Fine Arts.

Center Stage

by SHAWN GAINER
reporter

For those interested in broadening their musical horizons, the sounds of Indian classical music will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Smith Recital Hall.

Three professional touring musicians will perform Hindustani music, a genre native to northern India, following a half hour introduction by James Steven Hall, assistant professor of music.

"These artists are considered to be stars within their genre," Hall said. "They have a reputation."

Pandit V.G. Jog, a violinist, and Aloke Dasgupto, who will play sitar, a string instrument form India, have received awards for musical excellence. Ashok Moitra, who will play tabla, an Indian percussion instrument, has performed for Indian radio and television.

Hall, who has studied Tabla, said the purpose of his introduction will be to inform listeners about what to listen for.

"The Western ear is attuned to our temperament," Hall said. "Indian music uses a different tuning that may sound dissonant to those unacquainted with it. If you know more about something, it is

easier to appreciate it. I will also relate to the audience how someone who grew up in Ashland, Ky. became interested in this genre."

Hall added that Hindustani music is characterized by a drone, which is a constant set of background pitches extended by fast licks.

"The pieces they will be performing are based upon Ragas," Hall said. "A Raga is a scale, but it has more characteristics than just being a set of notes. Ragas may denote gender, seasons, even the time of day."

"It would be a violation of tradition to play a midday

Raga in the evening," Hall said.

The concert may be of interest to Indian immigrants in the area, Hall said.

"The Indian community is one of the fastest growing segments of the local population," Hall said.

"I have been surprised by the number of immigrants who have asked me to teach Tabla to their kids."

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— James Steven Hall,
assistant professor of music

Admission is free to students who present a university identification card. General admission tickets can be purchased for \$10.

"If you're planning on attending come with an open ear and an open mind," Hall said. "I think it's beautiful music."

HBO's 'From Earth to Moon' actors meet real astronauts

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Lead actors in HBO's megabuck miniseries, "From the Earth to the Moon," paced up and down the red carpet, fretting, as they awaited the real stars of the show.

They were about to meet astronauts. Apollo astronauts who flew to the moon, for goodness' sake, and were guests of honor at this Kennedy Space Center premiere.

"I'm a nervous wreck," said actor Bryan Cranston, aka Buzz Aldrin, second man to walk on the moon. "I'm just hoping that he doesn't hate me. I tried my best. I tried to

portray him as earnestly as I could glean from his book that I read and from the script and the transcripts."

Actor Gareth Williams, aka Jim Irwin, eighth man to walk on the moon, was a little calmer. The astronaut he portrays is dead.

"It's easy for you," Cranston told Williams.

"Yeah," Williams admitted, "I don't have that same pressure."

Cranston needn't have worried. When the real Aldrin finally arrived, he strode over to the actor and gave him a congratulatory handshake.

Aldrin, Apollo 11's lunar

module pilot, was thrilled to be back at center stage.

"I've been waiting a long time," he murmured.

"From the Earth to the Moon" is a 12-part miniseries on HBO on six consecutive Sunday nights beginning this weekend.

It chronicles events leading up to Aldrin and Neil Armstrong's historic moon steps on July 20, 1969. And it begins with Alan Shepard's 15-minute suborbital hop in 1961 and ends with Apollo 17 in 1972, man's last visit to the moon.

The \$65 million production was filmed in part at Kennedy

Space Center, where hundreds gathered in late March to preview the fourth episode, about the Christmas 1968 moon voyage of Apollo 8.

Apollo 15 command module pilot Al Worden liked what he saw.

"There have been a lot of things done on the space program, all the way from 'The Right Stuff' on. None of them has been particularly real," Worden said. "Most of them have been fictionalized to the point where they've really kind of lost the essence of what the program was all about."

The 1995 film, "Apollo 13,"

starring Tom Hanks as commander Jim Lovell, told it like it was, Worden said. And now, he said, so does "From the Earth to the Moon," the brainchild of Hanks, its executive producer.

The miniseries is based in part on Andrew Chaikin's 1994 book "A Man on the Moon."

HBO and Hanks wanted authenticity and went to great lengths to achieve it.

They obtained: The van that transported Armstrong, Aldrin and Michael Collins to the launch pad. Recovered: One of the so-called white rooms from which the Apollo astronauts

boarded their spaceships. Refurbished: A lunar landing research vehicle similar to those used by astronauts for testing. Borrowed: A lunar rover built for a moon mission that was canceled.

And they transformed: A blimp hangar at a California military base into the six Apollo landing sites.

Then the set was loaded with 3,500 tons of dirt and 2,000 tons of crushed granite to simulate the moon's gray, rocky surface. And the actors and stunt men were hooked to large helium balloons to imitate the bounce of one-sixth gravity.

New Line Cinema presents modern day 'Lost in Space'

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

Back in the 1960s, a TV series called "Lost in Space" attracted a wide audience during three seasons on CBS, a respectable run in those days. The effects would be considered primitive by today's standards, and the drama elemental. Yet the saga of an American family of five adrift in the cosmos proved appealing to children and parents alike.

Thirty years later, New Line Cinema offers a modern version of "Lost in Space" with up-to-date special effects that approach overkill. The premise remains the same: a family in extreme jeopardy. That, plus a few generally good performances, help make the film enjoyable entertainment.

The story begins in the near future, when Earth is doomed to die in two generations because of overcrowding, depletion of fossil fuels and other ills. The government commissions a hunt for another planet suitable for colonizing.

The American family Robinson is chosen for the mission. John Robinson (William Hurt) is a professor of space science. His wife Maureen (Mimi Rogers) and oldest daughter Judy (Heather Graham) are also scientists. Daughter Penny (Lacey Chabert) is a rebellious teen-ager. Young Will (Jack Johnson), neglected by his busy father, possesses surprising knowledge of computers.

Major Don West (Matt LeBlanc) hires on to pilot the Jupiter. An unwanted and totally dangerous stowaway is the infamous Dr. Zachary Smith (Gary Oldman), who has been paid by opposition forces to sabotage the mission.

There is conflict aplenty aboard the Jupiter 2. Robinson and the pilot tiff over who is in charge. Husband and wife have their disagreements. West makes a

clumsy pass at Judy. Penny pouts and Will frets over his father's indifference.

Two other members join the mission. A robot has been programmed by Dr. Smith to kill the Robinsons, but Will manages to change it into an ally. A space monkey called Blawp comes on board to become the family mascot, the cutest alien since E.T.

Perils arrive at a dizzying pace, accompanied by ear-wrenching sound and thunderous music. The visual effects, supervised by Angus Bickerton, will satisfy the most meticulous action fans.

Hurt contributes a welcome gravity and credibility. Old-man brings a delicious brand of villainy. LeBlanc makes a promising debut as a movie hero.

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Enrollment on the rise at the CTC

by BUTCH BARKER
reporter

After 23 years of existence, Marshall's Community and Technical College may be taking the curves on the road of growth and success with a little more ease.

Dr. Betty L. Kyger, provost, said Community and Technical College (CTC) enrollment has risen throughout the years and is significantly higher now than the past two years.

According to an enrollment profile produced by CTC, enrollment for Fall 1997 was 2,303. That is 200 more than 1996 and 579 more than 1995.

Kyger said the contributing factors to the increase are quite apparent.

"There has been an increase of programs we offer and the demand of

"Employers expect prospective employees to have skills beyond high school."

— Dr. Betty L. Kyger
provost

trained employees has risen," Kyger said. "Employers expect prospective employees to have skills beyond high school."

Kyger said math and communication skills are among the many programs in high demand in today's work place that CTC deals with. Offering those skills and many more is what Community and Technical Colleges strive for, Kyger said.

Marshall is among the 1,123 community colleges around the country that deals with two-year degrees or certificates. These degrees are usually designed for students who cannot afford to attend more than two years or lack time due to jobs or families, according to an Association of American Community Colleges (AACC) fact sheet.

According to AACC, there are 10.5

million students who fit into those categories.

Kyger said Marshall's CTC enrollment increase is not the only surprising factor. The number of males enrolled for Fall 1997 was 1,475 compared to 828 females.

Two programs that may catch the interest of a male before a female may be the cause for that, Kyger said.

A course in conjunction with the West Virginia State Police may interest more males than females and CTC is a partner with the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades union, she said.

"Female enrollment is usually higher than male, so those reasons may or may not be the only contributing factor," Kyger said. "We hope to please everybody equally, but it seems to be a matter of interest in the end."

Faculty, staff will get raises

by KAREN LOUDIN
reporter

Although Marshall did not receive the proposed 3.25 percent budget increase from the Legislature, President J. Wade Gilley said the university will fund faculty and staff pay raises without raising student fees or making administrative cutbacks.

The Legislature ended their special session to decide the budget March 21.

During the meeting the Legislature approved a 3.15 percent increase for the University System Board of Trustees. Gilley said this will mean slightly less money for the university, but Marshall will still be able to give raises to the faculty and staff.

"We are going to be able to give all the raises," Gilley said. "We are going to give faculty 4 percent and administrative staff a 3.2 percent raise." The raises for the classified staff will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year and the faculty raises will begin in the fall, Gilley said.

Gilley said in addition to the 3.15 percent increase, Marshall received \$1 million dollars from the Legislature to help buy equipment and supplies for the new medical school.

Gilley said this is the first time Marshall has ever received a capital appropriation from the Legislature for the School of Medicine. Marshall also received \$100,000 for the Autism Training Center and an additional \$100,000 for the Forensic Science Department, Gilley said. "From the perspective of the staff and faculty, it has been a very positive year," Gilley said. "We got pretty much everything we had hoped to get."

Newman Center gears up for Holy Week

by TONIA HOLBROOK
reporter

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the conclusion of Lent, and the Newman Center is gearing up for a number of observances.

Events commemorating the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus are scheduled at the Newman Center Thursday through Saturday.

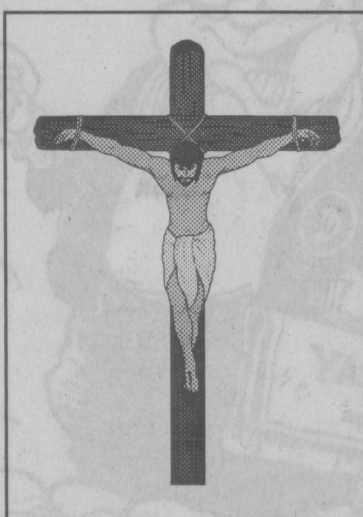
This is an ancient tradition, according to the Rev. William Petro, campus Catholic minister. "Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first day of the week is the oldest tradition in the Catholic Church," Petro said. "In celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, they wouldn't separate his suffering, death or burial,"

he said.

Preparation for many of the rituals practiced during Holy Week begins Monday when representatives from diocese from all over West Virginia, including Petro, gather to bless holy oils. A Chrism Mass will be conducted at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Charleston where oils will be blessed for use throughout the year by every parish in West Virginia. Sacraments such as anointing the sick and those who are converting to Catholicism are those in which these oils will be used.

All other services will be conducted at the Newman Center beginning 7:30 each evening.

Thursday evening will be an observance of The Last Supper, according to Petro.



"As we gather, we will use ashes from Ash Wednesday to anoint each other's hands. Then, our ritual service will be to wash each other's hands as a symbolic gesture of complet-

ing purification and showing our commitment to one another," he said.

Petro said these rituals are important because they strengthen the sense of community in church members. "I think the effect is they are ritualizing their belonging to one another," he said.

Good Friday will feature a memorial of Jesus' death and burial. The memorial will consist of Bible scriptures in which John gives his account of Jesus' suffering.

The majority of Holy Week events will take place on Saturday. Petro said the focus of Holy Saturday is to receive people into full membership in the Catholic Church with baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. "These are sacraments of initiation by which

we enter into the fellowship of Jesus and his mission," he said.

Saturday will also feature an Easter vigil with rituals such as a lighting of the Easter candle, scripture readings, blessing of water for baptism and a regular mass.

There will be no mass on Easter Sunday.

Holy Week plays an important role in the lives of Catholics, according to Petro. "Remembering how the Lord loved us to his death is the heart of our Catholic worship," he said.

Not only does Holy Week symbolize the end of the Lenten season, but it also heralds the beginning of another, Petro said. "Holy Week completes Lent. Then we celebrate Easter for seven weeks."

Fairfield now parking lot for Cabell Huntington

by MARIA CHAPMAN
reporter

The former home of the Thundering Herd football team is now a home to parked cars.

Part of Fairfield Stadium is a being used as a parking lot for Cabell Huntington Hospital.

"The east bleachers section has been torn out, but the west section still has seating and the press box is still intact," O. Dale Allman, physical plant director, said.

Currently, the parking lot is

used by Cabell Huntington employees. The hospital supplies a shuttle to bring people back and forth to the parking lot.

The remaining bleachers will eventually be removed, and plans are to make an different entrance, so the playing field can be used for parking.

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—Chad Stoneking
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Take care of the old before worrying about new buildings

Courtney **OSTAFF**
columnist

While this column is a little overdue, seeing as how the library is almost finished, I'd like to raise some questions about the financial expenditure choices of the university.

I have two classes in Smith Hall, and they were very uncomfortable earlier this week. Yes, that's right, the air conditioning was once again not working in Smith Hall. Now, I grew up without air conditioning, but my house wasn't seven stories of brick and steel. By the time you got to the fifth floor of Smith Hall, a lot of heat had risen five stories.

Collectively, the students at MU pay a lot of money to maintain the buildings and grounds. But, if the university can't maintain the buildings we already have, why are we building a new library?

The current library was designed to be expanded — a new building was a choice, not a necessity. I find the design of the new building interesting. Four stories of glass and steel will be expensive to heat and cool. In addition, the new library won't even hold one-half of the current book holdings. Why does the campus need a coffee house?

I wasn't aware that college was a fashion show. We're here to learn, not to pose. If we want to do that, we can walk down to the Drop Shop or Renaissance.

So, yet again, why are we building another library that will be prohibitively expensive to maintain, when we can't maintain the buildings we already have?

Testimony appreciated

To the editor:

I read Dan Londeree's column in Wednesday's Parthenon and want to express my appreciation for the strong testimony of the writer.

It is a testimony of the working of God in one's life. Dan's journey took him from one view — that he had many years to make things right with his Creator — to a view that it was something that couldn't wait. He says: "My life simply hasn't been the same since. I found myself wanting to change the way I lived."

What a fulfillment to John 10:10 when Jesus said: "I have come that they (anyone) may have life and have it abundantly." I echo Dan's words: I have not been the same since Nov. 22, 1953!

Jim Fugate
Baptist Student Union director

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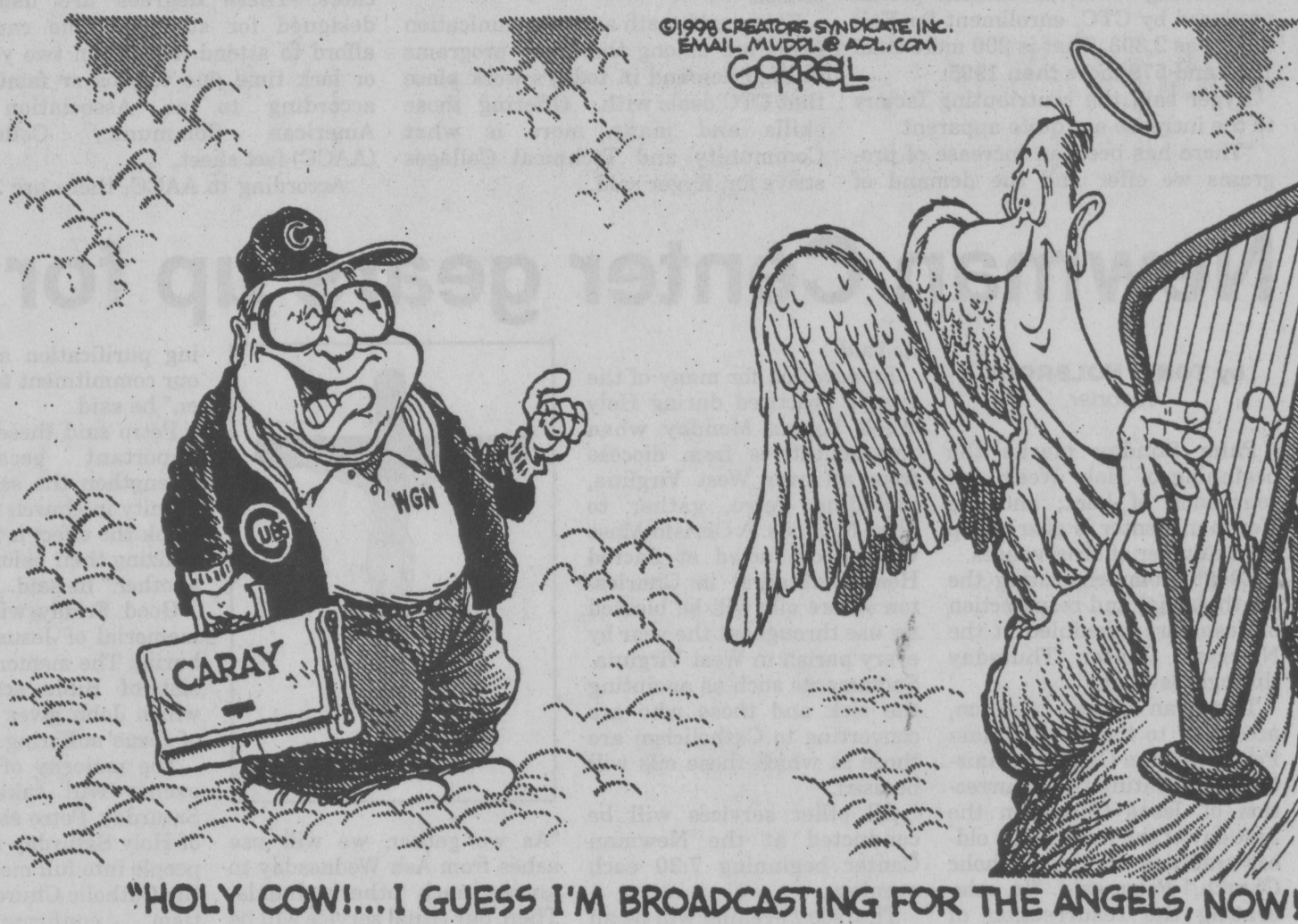
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Christian Coalition 'dirty Christianity'

To the editor:

For almost a year now, the Christian Coalition has been losing members and contributions. It fired a fifth of its staff just before Christmas, eliminated its highly publicized outreach to African-American churches and it's hard-line "take no prisoners" bullying has alienated mainstream Republicans. Its finances are under investigation by the IRS and the Federal

Election Commission, and it's egotistical director, Gary Bauer, is hinting that he wants to run for President.

Bad news for the Christian Coalition is good news for Christians everywhere. How sad it's been to see founder Pat Robertson, former director Ralph Reed and now Gary Bauer dirty Christianity with their grabs for worldly political power.

They have been instrumental in harming the public

image of a Christian.

It used to be, when you thought of a Christian, you imagined a humble, selfless person, compassionately dedicated to serving the less fortunate.

Today, many people imagine a right-wing zealot, someone dedicated to denying civil rights to gays, welfare payments to needy mothers and reproductive choices to women.

The Christian Coalition's

"Christianity" specializes in nasty partisan politics, intolerance, selfishness, scapegoating and bigotry.

The Christian Coalition was never a religious movement. It was and is a blatant political power group. The Scriptures have a name for these folks:

"Wolves in sheep's clothing."

Alan L. Light
Iowa City, Iowa

God has 'wonderful' and 'exciting' plan

Lora **KISER**
columnist

As college students trying not to let school get in the way of our election, we are constantly searching for truth. We are filled to the brim with questions about life, people and especially ourselves.

I, for one, have this insatiable curiosity about life, from the creation of the universe to what Kurtz really meant when he said, "The horror! The horror!" in Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness." Have a conversation with me and I'll ask you a load of questions about your travels in Estonia and Denmark, or why you think the two-party system will soon be gone in America. I want to know, and I will talk, listen and reflect for hours in search of insight and understanding.

Regardless of the amount of knowledge we store in our

brains, we can only learn so much about life, other people and ourselves; but the cool thing is that we can rely on someone who does know everything.

To make a long story short, I grew up going to church on a somewhat frequent basis until I was 12. Although I stopped going to church, I still believed in God and relied on Him through prayer and faith.

After trying to get even closer to God over the last couple of years, and trying to understand Him, I recently took the biggest step, and the most fundamental step, in drawing even closer to Him: I just completely gave my life over to Jesus, His son, to let Him guide me and show me the best way.

You see, non-Christians think that if they go to God they aren't going to have fun anymore, and that they won't have any control over their lives. Oh, on the contrary. God has a really wonderful and exciting plan for each and

every one of us; it is then up to us to decide if we want to take what He is offering.

A friend of mine once told me that without God in our lives we do our own thing, and we proudly say to Him, "Hey, God, I built this life with my own two hands, and it may not look like much to you, but it's mine— all mine."

To which God says, chuckling all the while, "Yes, it certainly is yours. But tell me, why are you so proud of living in a slum?"

I am uncertain about many things, but the one thing I do know is that I do not know everything. The Creator of the universe does, and He knows what is best for all of us. Why would we want to make huge decisions based on what very little we do know about the world, when there is Somebody who does know everything and He wants to let us in on the secret?

This is one of my favorite lines from the Bible—Matthew 6:23—and it is very apropos to

this contention: "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things shall be added to you."

You are not going to have a boring and less adventurous life if you give it over to God. Instead, because you rely on God, who wants only your happiness, you will find things more exciting and more pleasurable. My thirst for life, now that God is with me when I explore and discover, is enhanced and even more insightful.

God is the greatest ingredient that you can put into all your recipes of life to make them more flavorful, delicious and fulfilling. Not only that, He also wants to give you these recipes.

Finally, God is not a scowling father with his arms crossed, ready to chastise you for breaking the lamp on the table. Instead, He is a beaming mother ready to embrace you with love, and forgive you for breaking it.

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It's 10 straight for the women

Tennis team in the winner's circle

by **CHIP TUCKER**
reporter

Marshall's women's tennis team has kept the roads hot all season long and played fairly well on its opponents home courts.

Lady Thunder has won five games on the road and five at home. This weekend the Herd travels to Akron, Ohio, to take on two Mid-American Conference teams, Western Michigan and Akron.

Marshall will play Western Michigan Saturday at 1 p.m. and will take on Akron Sunday at the same time.

Marshall won its last match March 28, 7-2 against MAC foe Ball State March 28, raising its overall record to 10-5. Molly Harris of Marshall beat Anna Thai 6-1 in the first set and took the match after winning 6-0 in the second. Herd player Alyssa Bengal defeated Darcy Poulos 6-4 in the first set and 7-6 in the second.

Sheela Cabiling had to play three sets to beat Gena Tranquada. Tranquada got the best of Cabiling in the first set, winning the set 3-6. Cabiling did not give up, instead she stepped up and won the second set 6-4 and took the match after winning the third set 7-5.

Marshall won two of its three doubles matches against Ball State. Stephanie Jamar and Kelly Peller teamed up to defeat Gayle Larsen and Tranquada 9-7 while Harris and Erin Russell paired up to beat Susie Miller and

Thai 8-6.

Two of Marshall's key players are Bengal and Harris. Bengal has 13 wins and two loses this season while Harris is 12-3. Marshall as a whole has won 66 singles matches while losing 23. In doubles matches the Herd has a combined record of 29-15.

Marshall played three matches in Bermuda during spring break. The Herd left the island with three wins against John Hopkins, Connecticut and Smith College.

Picabo Street on the mend

Skiing injury may keep the Olympic skier out of competition for four years

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) Picabo Street was always so irrepressible, so self-confident, so resilient — until now.

With her left leg broken and her right knee severely injured, America's greatest downhill skier admits she never has been so low.

Speaking publicly for the first time since her horrific crash in the World Cup finals 2 1/2 weeks ago, Street said Wednesday that she tentatively is aiming for a comeback in time for the Salt Lake City Olympics four years from now.

But she acknowledged that her spirit is bruised, and the possibility lingers that she might not come back at all.

"I am taking next season off for sure, and right now the plan is to continue back skiing for the 2002 Games and rehab accordingly," she said. "But there's no telling what's going to happen."

"I still waver back and forth. Sometimes I feel like I never want to do it again, and other times I can't wait to do it again."

Street, who turns 27 on Friday, said she will return to Vail, Colo., to undergo surgery next Wednesday to repair the damaged ligaments in her right knee. Her left leg already is in a cast from the broken femur she suffered in the Friday the 13th crash.

The operation will be performed by Dr. Richard Steadman, the same surgeon who repaired her left knee after a terrifying crash in December 1996.

Street's triumphant return from that injury after just 14 months to win a gold medal in the super-G was one of the remarkable stories of the Nagano Olympics. But just one month later, she suffered her latest and most serious

injuries in the World Cup downhill final at Crans Montana, Switzerland.

"It's been really tough. I'll be honest. It's been hard," she said. "I've had a lot of crying time and a lot of time to sit and go 'Whoa, this is gnarly,' and how vivid I see and feel the crash and remember it, just how quick and shocking it was."

a couple of days before this happened," she said. "But I wanted to fight on. I thought I was just being lazy. I wanted to get back to being the tough world competitor I was."

She was pushing herself hard down the course, she said, and had just cleared a jump.

"I made a nice jump. I was actually in a nice position," she said. "I landed and went straight into my turn and got into my tuck, and my butt just dipped too far. The ground came up under my left foot, so it kind of made it hard for me."

"I kicked my feet out to my left and went into the fence at the wrong angle," she said. "My left ski came up toward my face and my right ski arced down underneath me."

Basically, my left knee had nowhere to go."

With the pain came intense, immediate anger, she said.

"When I was on the hill, I was mad," she said. "I thought, 'Screw this stupid sport. I can't believe this happened.' I was mad at the time and I was mad for awhile. I had to let some of that stuff settle."

Street has always said that everything happens to her for a reason.

"This one I'm having a tough time figuring out why," she said, "a real tough time."

For the first week after the accident, Street couldn't walk. Her boyfriend, J.J. Lasley, had to carry her from room to room.

She's waited long enough that she believes she will be able to put some weight on her left leg after surgery on her right knee so she won't be confined to a wheelchair.

She knows that she faces rehabilitation even tougher than what she went through to compete in the Olympics. But the lure of a Winter Games in Salt Lake City, not far from where she grew up in Sun Valley, Idaho, was sufficient to keep her from giving up.

"I can't see myself missing the Olympics when the opportunity is there on your home turf," she said. "Four years, three years, that's enough time to come back."

But, after so many crashes, will she have the nerve so necessary for downhill skiers who reach speeds of 80 mph or more?

"There's no telling," she said, "but I would rather be the one making the decision than some fence making it for me."

Wearied from her last comeback and her Olympic ordeal, Street had thought about skipping last month's World Cup finals.

"I was tired. I wanted to be done. I almost threw in the towel and came home

"I can't see myself missing the Olympics when the opportunity is there on your home turf,"

Picabo Street

Players plead innocent to federal charges

CHICAGO (AP) — Two former Northwestern athletes pleaded innocent today to federal charges involving point-shaving in basketball games.

Bond of \$4,500 was set for the two along with a third man in the case.

Innocent pleas were entered by former basketball player Dewey Williams, former football player Brian Ballarini and Brian Irving, who authorities said was involved in a game-fixing conspiracy.

Williams was accused in a federal indictment along with former teammate Kenneth Dion Lee of conspiring with gamblers to fix three games in 1995.

Federal officials say that Irving and Kevin Pendergast, a former kicker at Notre Dame, bet on Northwestern's opponents and persuaded others to place bets in Las Vegas and Reno. The two were accused of then conspiring to fix games.

The university called in federal officials two years ago after discovering that some of its athletes had been involved in gambling.

Both Irving and Pendergast now live in California, authorities said. Pendergast is set to appear on the charges April 9 and Lee is scheduled for arraignment April 20.

Lee and Williams face maximum sentences of five years if convicted. Lee came off a suspension from the basketball team for gambling in December 1994, the same month that Northwestern administrators handed the results of its internal investigation of gambling over to federal officials.

Lady Thunder looking forward to first home stand of season

by **CHIP TUCKER**
reporter

Marshall's softball team will be playing its first home game of the season against Mid-American Conference challenger Western Michigan today at 2 p.m.

Lady Thunder is looking forward to playing the double-


header against the Broncos. "It will be really nice to play at home. The kids are really looking forward to it," coach Louie Berndt said.

Marshall goes into the game with a record of 11-16 overall.

Furthermore, the Herd will take on MAC powerhouse Northern Illinois Saturday at 1p.m. Northern Illinois had a record of 14-5 as of Tuesday, according to Berndt.

Marshall comes into these two matches after winning both games of a double-header against Morehead State Tuesday.

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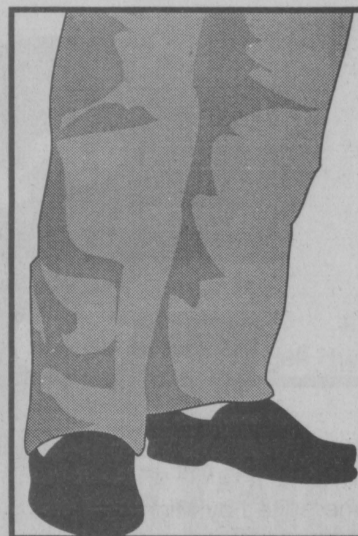
Life!

If the shoe fits...

Students, faculty and staff show unique taste in shoes

Shoes, like clothing, can be symbolic, says Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, sociology/anthropology professor. While some people on campus choose shoes for comfort, others try to make a statement with footwear. Read about current shoe fashions and find out how to find the best shoes for your feet.

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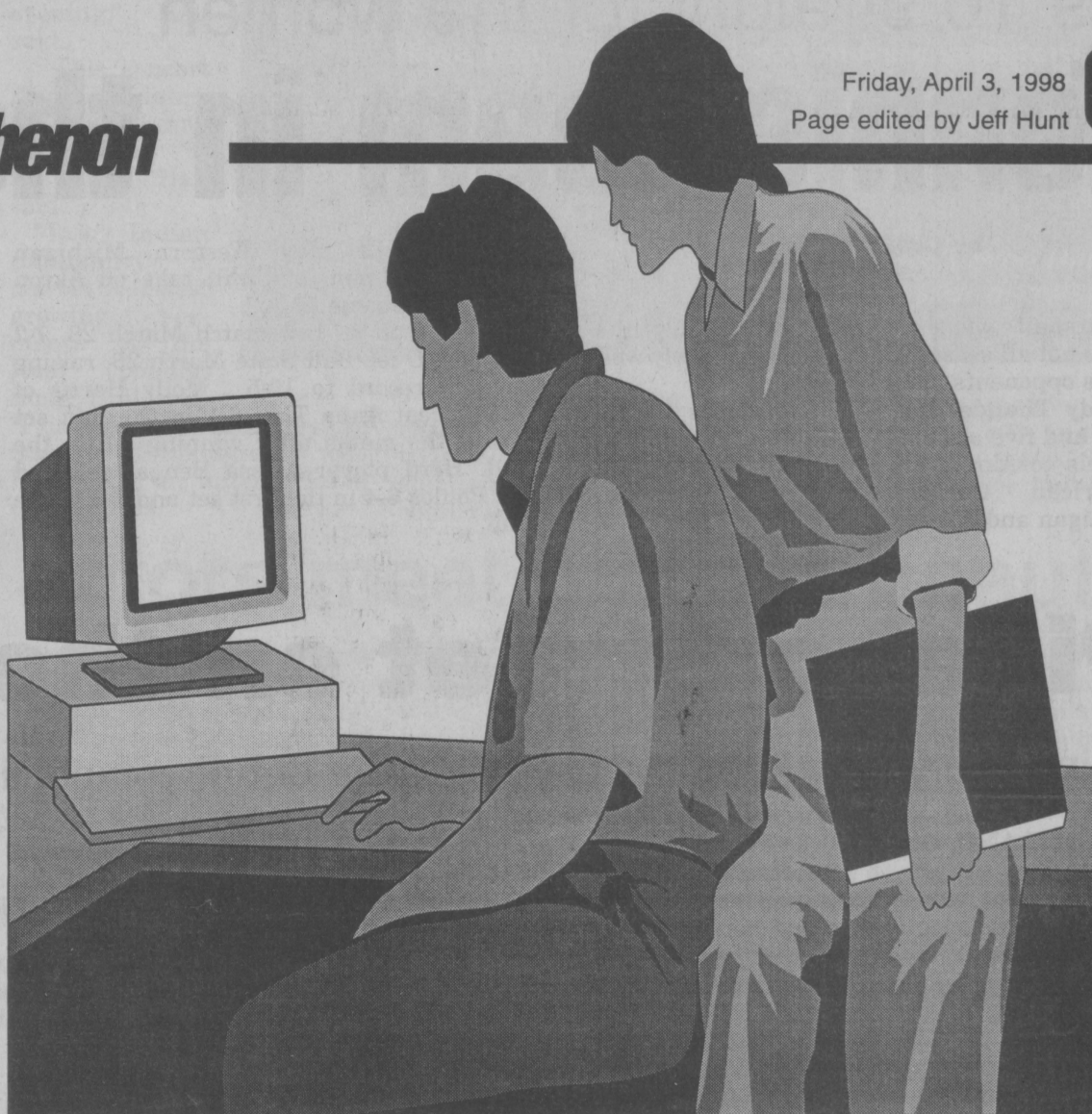
Students work hard to stay on the ball

Story by Jeff Hunt

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What does it take to be a student-athlete in college?

Some would say that being a student-athlete makes it easier to get through school and the athlete receives special privileges that other students would not receive.

Being a student-athlete myself, I for one can say that it is not all it is cracked up to be. I've heard it all about how students who do not participate in sports snicker about how athletes get special treatment and how they are put first before those non-athletes.

Being in the middle of my fourth full season of track, I have had my fair share of problems that student-athletes must face. Scheduling is one major problem that all athletes face because the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requires strict academic standards.

"Being a student-athlete is a privilege, not a right," Michelle Duncan, director student athlete

programs said.

"Student-athletes must be full-time students and pass 24 credit hours per academic year, that is what is required by the NCAA," she said.

When asked about the question if student-athletes receive special treatment, Duncan responded that student-athletes do not.

"Tutoring is available to all other students on campus, and also is counseling," Duncan said. "Academic advising and guest speakers are also offered, so no, I don't think there is that much difference between the treatment of student-athletes and non-student-athletes."

Duncan also said, "Some services are offered to everyone on campus, we just provide more specific offerings because of NCAA regulations."

"They (non-student-athletes) just don't know the services offered to athletes, that is why athletes are stereotyped," she said.

According to Duncan, student-athletes, "have to declare a major by

the end of their sophomore year."

She said by the end of an athletes fourth semester, they must have 25 percent of their major completed, and then after the sixth semester, the athlete must have 50 percent completed, and finally after the eighth semester, 75 percent of their major completed.

Maintaining the correct gpa to stay eligible is probably one of the most challenging aspects of the student-athlete.

"Athletes must keep a certain gpa to stay eligible," Duncan said. "Freshmen must have a 1.8 and sophomores through seniors must maintain a 2.0 gpa."

Duncan added that not only do student-athletes receive fair treatment, but sometimes they are the one's who are not treated fairly.

"For example, athletes cannot sign up for classes through the MILO telephone system," Duncan said.

"That is basically because an athlete could possibly accidentally push the wrong buttons and drop a class or add one and then he or she would be automatically ineligible, and they would not know it because it was done electronically."

Duncan said because it is that easy for an athlete to make that mistake, the athlete must have a stamp approval and sign up for classes by standing in line.

Student-athlete reactions

Student-athletes do have it harder, according to Chad Stoneking, Parkersburg senior, and a member of the Thundering Herd track team.

"Student-athletes have less time to do work because of three to four hours of practice a day, and on the weekends, they are taken up so it is hard to find time to do your work and do it right, study, and get a good nights rest," Stoneking said.

When asked about how athletes are stereotyped as being treated special, and being on scholarship, Stoneking said it is just as hard as any other student.

"Getting an athletic scholarship is no different than getting a scholarship for smarts... if you got the talent they will pay for it," he said.

"As of scholarships, the money is there. They might as well use it because it will go to waste. Athletic programs only get so much money per year, and they got to use it so they can get more the next year."

"It's a way to get a free education, and it is there to help you out. You have less bills, and it helps you out when you want to go grocery shopping and you have to pay rent, it just helps out so much," Stoneking said.

Andrew Wilhite, Harrodsburg, Ky., senior, and former Marshall track athlete, says being a student-athlete has its privileges and setbacks.

"One(setback), is that you have meets and projects due, I'm an art major and those may conflict," he said.

"One thing I do like is that you get to register for classes early, because it helps you get your classes because we have to have so many hours per semester."

Wilhite agrees with Stoneking when asked about scholarships and if they are fair for athletes to have.

"Scholarships help a lot. Some people say you don't deserve them, but you earn what you get, you get this money and you say, well I do deserve this money because, say you are from out-of-state and you get your tuition and that scholarship helps out everywhere," he said.

Wilhite said there is a lot of strain put on athletes to get to make ends meet, not only with academics and athletics, but also financially.

"It puts a lot of strain. I guess you've got to handle it if you can," Wilhite said.

"With the bills situation it not so easy because at the beginning of the semester you get your money and pay your bills with the scholarships. One thing you have to do is use that money wisely."

Wilhite said he can understand why some people would stereotype athletes as receiving special treatment because there are some things athletes do get.

"Since we're athletes and if you wear glasses, you can't wear those while you compete. The school will provide you with contacts, and say you mess up your knee during a meet or something, you can get surgery and don't have to pay for it," he said.

"Those are just some of the privileges we get, I guess if you are talented enough to be on scholarship, then you deserve it."

Taking the good with the bad

Adrienne Hundemer, Dayton, Ky. senior and a Marshall women's track member, says being a student-athlete isn't as easy as everyone thinks it is.

"In order to run, yes we get some kind of privileges, if you want to call them that, we get to sign up for classes earlier, but that is because the NCAA requires we get our hours to get the classes that we need," Hundemer said.

"But as for being a student-athlete physically, I think it is very hard. For instance, myself, I have many events and that is my choice,

but being on a team is a job, we work like it is a job. I'm out there running four hours straight a day and that gets a little hard. Yes, we get money but this is our job to be here and this is our work-to run," she said.

Hundemer said the physical aspects of being an athlete takes a lot out of an individual.

"We've got to get up in the mornings to run, and then you've got to lift, then go to class all day long, and then right to practice," she said.

"And me, I don't get home until six or seven o'clock and then I got to cook dinner and study and then go to sleep. It is just the same thing over, and over, and over."

When it comes to money, Hundemer says that being on scholarship has its advantages and disadvantages.

"It's great... that's a big honor for me because my family is not rich, so they couldn't send me through school so I ran my butt off in high school and I am really grateful and fortunate," she said.

Hundemer says that the disadvantages are also hard for athletes to deal with.

"We're not allowed to work so the only money you get is your scholarship, meaning your tuition is paid for, but that is all, so you have to fend for yourself to pay the bills when you live off-campus," Hundemer said.

She also added that to get money to pay for those bills, with her parents not being able to support her, she must get financial aid.

But she did say that student-athletes are allowed to work over school breaks and the summer, to save up for when those bills come.

Hundemer said that after a while, being an athlete gets stressful because of the length of the season and not able to go home to visit family.

Joshua Seamster, Danville, Va., senior and former Marshall football player, says the physical grind of practice and going to school drains a student. Although, Seamster said it does have its advantages.

"It helps you in academics with all the requirements. It makes you do your work, and it makes you lead a more structured life, but it also hinders as far as having a social life and free time," Seamster said.

Editor's note: Jeff Hunt, who wrote this article and designed this page, is a scholarship athlete in track and field at Marshall.

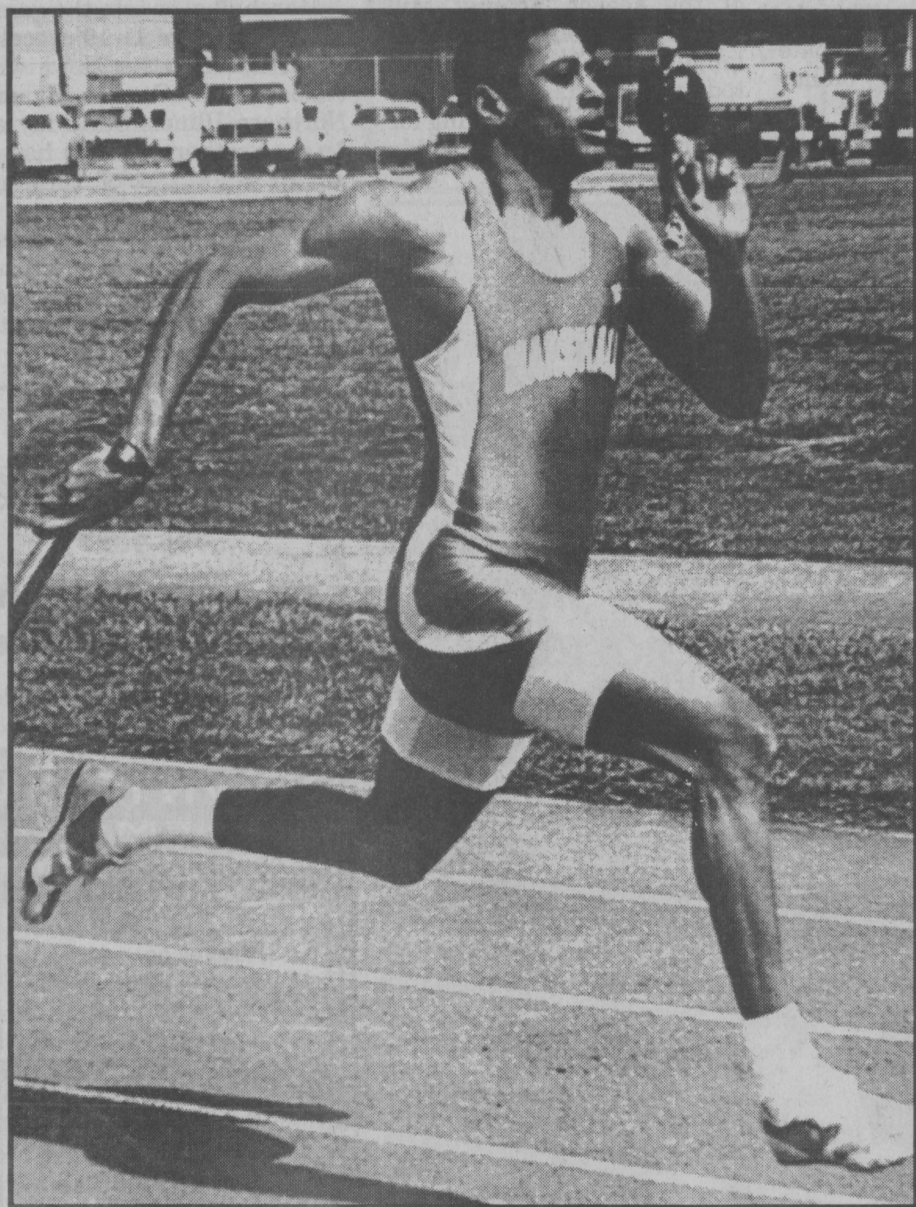


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Being a student-athlete requires such tasks as spending your Saturday afternoons competing. Just ask B.J. Epps of the Marshall track team.